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Wonderwood Connector traffic shift and lane closure begins Friday

Jacksonville – A continuous eastbound outside lane closure, from Merrill Road to Ft. Caroline Road, just east of I-295, will begin at 8 a.m. Friday and continue over the weekend until Monday morning at approximately 6 a.m. The lane closure will be in effect to allow Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) contractors to install more than 300-feet of large-diameter drainage pipe in the roadway.

In order to reduce traffic impacts during rush hour Friday afternoon, a short diversion will be in place to allow for two lanes of traffic eastbound from 3:30 p.m. until approximately 6:30 p.m. The diversion will utilize the existing left turn lane from Merrill Road onto Ft. Caroline Road as a through-lane. Law enforcement officers will be directing traffic and controlling traffic signals. The road will then return to single lane traffic until work is completed Monday morning, weather permitting. Travelers should expect delays.

This work is a part the \$8.7 million Wonderwood Connector drainage project that started in March, which includes upgrades of drainage structures and pipes beneath the Wonderwood Connector (State Road 116). The project, spanning from I-295 east to the Intracoastal Waterway, includes Merrill Road, Ft. Caroline Road, McCormick Road, Mt. Pleasant Road and Wonderwood Drive. FDOT hired J.B. Coxwell Contracting Company of Jacksonville to complete the project by the spring of 2016.

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